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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING Examiner: J. Pitrak

ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 16, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090114), for which a response is due on April 16, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.